results, are theirs to an unprecedented so believing, we take it as text for our degree. short lecture to those who assume as fact The common school in a state of perwhat he undoubtedly intended as joke. fection approximating the compulsory edu-There are those in our midst who believe, cational system of Prussia is theirs. Conor at least maintain, that the national cascentrated capital in the hands of the few tigation which the South underwent was which puts to blush the tales of Roman no less beneficial to her than is the flagelluxury and profusion when "the decline" lation inflicted upon an unbrecched reproset in, is theirs also. All these we conbate school boy to him. cede, as well as their superior facilities for To that class it is proposed to say a few higher s hool education. Perhaps if other words, more in sadness than in anger. claims occurred, they too might be admit-Far be it from us to dampen their exuberted. What! concede all this; then what ant loyalty. can the ante-bellum South set up per But, sir, I ask in Heaven's name, is it contra? First and foremost, a negative essential that a Southern man must eat assumption. No abject pauperism or dirt or wallow therein, denounce his anpinching hunger and but little crime in her of cestry or ridicule their foibles, or otherwise broad-domain. No crowded penal institu- las degrade himself, to prove his new born loyalty and devotion to the new order of tions; no collossal fortunes won by sharp &c practice, trickery and chicane; (more pregthings? nant with danger to free institutions than If these be prerequisites, there are some all things else); no worship of gold or manstill left who prefer to be thought disloyal worship on account of its possession; no on the earth above and in the earth below, ethical code which would extenuate the big Di from Appomattox to judgment day. Nor are they willing to exalt their day and rogue, but erucity the small one. generation as supremely blessed, by way of No! thanks to her sole hand-maiden, contrast to that which has gone before; or, agriculture, nowhere, perhaps, was wealth more equally distributed. "There the to adopt a new coined and most disgusting richest were poor, and the poorest dwelt term, to elevate "The New South" at the in abundance." But, "their expense of the old South. There are houses those who seriously hold that the civil war were open day and and its result was a blessing in disguise for hearts their OWDETS" scorning "the golden calf;" next to their the South. God they worshipped liberty. For as old If this expression of opinion was con-Sam Johnson said of their forefathers over fined to the political jackdaws, whose ina hundred years ago, "none so loud for for nate veneration for "the powers that be" liberty as those who live in an atmosphere induced them at an early stage of the of slavery. They realize what it means." reconstruction drama to forswear their I give his idea only, quoting from memmanhood, and by defiling to feather their ory. Next to hate of tyranny, hospitality nest, rejninder were superfluous. may be assumed to be the first of public fir But strange as it may appear, some socalled "representative men," even at this virtues. Has she ever had such a well recognized dwelling place in any quarter late day, when the necessity for self and ef the globe or age of the world as in the sectional abasement would seem to have passed, are constantly proclaiming in effect old South? that national degradation and elevation The charge of extravagance and debt, as a sectional peculiarity, was gratuitous are synonymous terms, as illustrated in our and ill founded. Nowhere was the possesown case. This new sect of philosophers. of the "tarift may follow fawning" school, sion of property more conservative, as is would have us believe that nothing is so ever the case when it consists in acres. conducive to sectional prosperity as firan-These, like the sins of their fathers, decial ruin (upon the princip'e of a big fire scended usually to the third and fourth to build up a city.) generation. Can mercantile or monopoly wealth claim as much? They gravely argue that the South was sunk in sloth, ignorance and moral de-Less thought to money-making allowed pravity, until in the beneficence of God's more time for thinking of their souls' sal-Providence she was whipped out of them vation and the good of the State. Such were a few of the advantages possessed by and started on the road of moral progress. the denizens of this blessed arcadia: Contempt for the slave who so believes, For one we value them more than the and a curse on the craven who so provaunted ones of the overfed North, which claims! Is it in the nature of things that has grown fat on spoliation subsidy, whilst a semi-barbarous dark corner of any land inhabited by the Anglo-Saxon should have keeping the South lean. Pardon, Mr. Editor, the elongation of supplied the executive head for two-thirds what was intended as a paragraph or two, of its existence and far more than its prointo an article. It's not my fault. I 3 portionate share of brawn and brain for did'nt throw the first stone, nor do I protime embraced? pose to take the last. In the absence or Is it reasonable that a lazy, indolent, reluctance of others better qualified to s lie in the shade-people, should have dared to grapple a foe to all intents at least five take it, I have herein assumed the championship of "The O'd South." In her times their bulk, and with none of the approstrate state she las treen maligned of a pliances of war save enthusiasm have held foe and laughed at of friend; her foibles - its more powerful adversary at arm's ridiculed and her faults magnified. Such length until this little foot-ball of ours e had completed its fourth circuit around is the story of the old sick lion, as told by - "the god of day?" Is it possible that a father Æsop. race such as our defamers would have us The war is ended, slavery is dead, the old-time state of things wiped out. We believe we were, after succumbing to the recognize the fact and bow to its accomw inevitable, caused by the attrition of overplishment. But shame on the recreant whelming superior force, could have recupwho will cast a stone behind him at former erated as it has in so short a time? If these things be not so, as so we hold friend, to change a former foe to friend. More assumption and less admission, mese them not to be, then we call a truce to the sieurs, and ridicule and contumely must truculent admission of friend, or the senseless and impudent assumption of foe. find some other subject. All such admission on our is concession that the South occupied a lower moral, material and intellectual plane than did her sisters in the colder zone. If we proclaim that one sound drubbing was of such incalculable advantage to us, analogy might ask why would not a second and a periodical return hereafter, corresponding to the census, do you re still more good? If you were so degraded before and so exalted now, another appline cation or two of "birch" might raise you to the wonderful altitude of Plymouth te Rock, and make you as good, pious and at prosperous as the self-complacent denizens its base surrounding. Such, I say, is the legitimate deduction from all such toady confession. Hence I say, let Southern men who honestly believe that they were whilom of the dunghill and smelt of. the stable, that their social system was all wrong, their effort to preserve it a crime, and their failure to do so a blessing; and that they who rectified it all are of the "salt of the earth, salty," and saintly withal; for fear of a repetition of the blessing, if not for common decency and self respect, not make too frequent public confession of their creed. Far be it from me to underrate the unprecedented pick up and recuperative energy displayed by our goodly land since the drum stopped beating. It is, all things considered, the most wonderful phase in Letter From Col. W. J. Green. the history of any people in any age of the [Cor. of THE NEWS AND OBSERVER] world, and fitting sequence or companion The following extract from a speech piece to the most glorious war record of made by editor Watterson on the South recorded time. Taken together they conis from the Washington Star of Oct. 18. stitute, as before said, proof irrefragable

rich and she lost her riches; she was poor le and in bondage; she was set free and she had to go to work: she went to work, and she is richer than ever before. (Applause.) The curse of slavery was here. God passed a rod across the land and smote the people. an Then, in His goodness and mercy to waved the wand of enchantment, and los! like a flower, His blessing burst forth. lieve. (Applause.) Indeed may the South say, as in the experience of men it is rare for ,- any to say with perfect sincerity, "Sweet 0; are the uses of adversity." (Applause.) "The South never knew what independence meant until she was taught by sub jection to subdue herself. We lived from

hand to mouth; we had our debts and our

'niggers;' under the old system we paid

our debts and walloped our 'niggers;' but

wallop our debts. (Laughter and ap-

plause) We have no longer any slaves,

in under the new we pay our 'niggers' and

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may be summed up in a sentence. She was

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but we have no longer any debts, and can to see it. exclaim with the old darkey at camp meeting who, whenever he got happy, went tin' fatter and fatter!' (Laughter.) * * *"

With no purpose of invidious compariabout shouting, 'Bless the Lord, I'm git- son, further than to state our side of the case with a view to repel like assault and refute like admission, I for one hold and We are sorry to hear such an utterance maintain that "the new South" is no

that the race of men and women who

worked out the two belongs to no abject

tribe of indolent "inerts," but is the peer

of any that has inhabited the earth, in

patriotism, genius, daring, endurance and

energy. It proves further that the social

system which could evolve such a race

thing which new-fledged converts to "the

humanitarian ic'ea" would have us be-

rest satisfied, assuming that the predicate

will in the main be admitted by impartial

parties. But in spite of the suspicion of

presumption to which it subjects me, I gu

further and maintain that departure from

the old order of things and adoption of

our neighbors' ideas up above here, is, to

say the least, rather equivocal progress.

Concede that accumulation is the para-

mount duty of man, and of course the

position taken is untenable. But there

are some so old fogyish as not to be able

Here perhaps I might rest the case and

not have been the God-forsaken

from the lips, but believe it was no ema- improvement on "the old South," and that nation from the heart of genial Henry as against the last, "the new North" or Watterson. We think that Henry spoke "the old North" has nothing to boast by in a hurry, and rather than spoil an an comparison. Detracting nothing from tithesis uttered in levity what we of the their claim, but conceding it all, I still lay South might pardon as a solecism, but claim to mine. Energy, enterprise, evoluwhich our enemies at the North (and they | tion, development, practicality; in a word are not all dead) will be too prone to con- all traits of character which rest upon the strue into an admission. Nevertheless, foundation of accumulation; nay more, the